

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An ointment patch ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a support, an ointment, and optionally, a separator,

wherein the ointment is coated on one surface of the support in an amount of 0.1 mg to 200 mg per 1 cm² of the support, and

the support has a thickness of 1 μm to 2000 μm and 50% modulus of 5 g/cm to 600g/cm, a water vapor permeability of 100g/m²/24hrs or higher, and is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, wherein the copolymer is obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90 wt%, 10 to 97 wt%, and 0 to 15 wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked;

~~wherein the support is impermeable to the ointment and the ointment coated surface of the support directly contacts the skin.~~

2-3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support is overlaid with cloth.

5. (previously presented): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.

6. (previously presented): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support includes an adhesive layer disposed on the ointment-coated surface of the support in order to allow the ointment patch to adhere to skin.

7. (previously presented): The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the ointment patch is folded onto itself to bring the ointment-coated surface into contact with itself.

8. (currently amended): An applicator ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a support, and an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the support to allow the applicator to adhere to skin, wherein the support has a thickness of 1 μm to 2000 μm , 50% modulus of 5 g/cm to 600 g/cm, a water vapor permeability of 100 $\text{g/m}^2/24\text{hrs}$ or higher, and is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, wherein the copolymer is obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90 wt%, 10 to 97 wt%, and 0 to 15 wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked, ~~and wherein the support is impermeable to the ointment and the ointment-coated surface of the support directly contacts the skin.~~

9-10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): The applicator according to claim 8, wherein the support is overlaid with cloth.

12. (previously presented): The applicator according to claim 8, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.